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| COUNTRY <u>Germany (Soviet Zone)</u> | REPORT | |
| TOPIC <u>Herseburg Airfield</u> | | |
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| EVALUATION <u></u> | PLACE OBTAINED <u></u> | 25X1 |
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| REMARKS <u></u> | | |
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- Between 6 and 13 January 1951, the boundary of the scheduled expansion of Herseburg (W 52/D 91) airfield was marked by pegs approximately 60 cm high. The boundaries were confirmed by an employee of the Bauunion-Mitte Firm, Mittelland Construction Enterprise, Herseburg local branch office. *
- The repair of the former repair hangar on the eastern edge of the field and the two former hangars on the southern edge was completed. No other hangars were at the field. The railroad siding under construction on the northern edge of the field was apparently double-track. Ties were being laid. Additional construction material, such as gravel, sand, loose cement, ties, beams, boards, and wooden masts arrived at the field. 25X1
- Excavating has not started to date. The Knapendorf fields, which were requisitioned for the expansion of the airfield, were cleared again and sown with winter corn. No exact information on the construction of the runway has been received. the construction of two runways, almost parallel, 2,200 meters long, and running in E-W or WNW-ESE direction was scheduled. ** 25X1
- Only two of the 24 barracks buildings at the field are intact. One building was occupied by a Soviet unit which apparently had some connection with the unit in the Flak Kaserne 25X1
 it had 280 men. The other building was occupied by the Herseburg Alert Squad of the Volkspolizei which had approximately 20 men and was charged with guarding the main entrance to the field and the ordnance depot. 25X1
- A fenced-in area with two temporary buildings for the storage of ammunition was on the landing field, just east of the firing range. The four Soviet sentries who guarded the depot were assigned to the Flak Kaserne. They wore red-bordered, black epaulets. Two power lines led from the caserne to the field past the spot-lights at the ammunition depot. No Soviet motor vehicle traffic was seen at the field.

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*  Comment. Preparations for the improvement of the airfield started in late September 1950. No excavation has started to date. According to the present status of the work, the target date for the completion, which was previously reported to be set for May 1951, cannot be met.  25X1

**  Comment. The construction of two parallel runways is improbable. These two strips are probably taxiways. 25X1

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